

HB 3334 -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood

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Meeting Dates: 3/31, 4/5, 4/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Early Learning Division to develop plan to coordinate the provision of services to children from birth through age six. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 Requires Early Learning Division to develop plan to provide eligible children with equitable access to high quality, culturally and developmentally responsive preschool. Establishes plan requirements and stakeholder engagement requirements. Requires that plan provide that all eligible children have access to preschool by January 1, 2027. Establishes reporting requirement.

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

FISCAL: *Fiscal impact issued*

BACKGROUND:

The Early Learning Division of the Oregon Department of Education was established by passage of House Bill 3234 in 2013. That measure transferred certain duties previously assigned to the Early Learning Council to the Division. Since that time, the Division has served to govern and manage most of the state's early care and education programs and services. In 2020, Multnomah County passed a local measure establish its Preschool for All program, and in early 2021 Congress passed measures allocating funding to the states for early learning. House Bill 3334-4 requires the Division to develop a coordination plan for provision of preschool to all eligible children in Oregon.